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SUBJ: GATT WP ON ROMANIAN CUSTOMS TARIFF

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1. ROMANIANS (PETRESCOU, MODORAN), EC (KAWAN, LUYTEN) AND US MET IN PREPARATION FOR MARCH 11 GATT WP. SINCE EC AND US HAD MET LAST FRIDAY, WE PRESENTED VIRTUALLY IDENTICAL POSITIONS, EXCEPT FOR US STATEMENT THAT ROMANIAN TARIFF PLAYS ROLE IN PRICE FIXING. EC AND US SOUGHT TO CONCENTRATE ON POSSIBLE OUTCOME OF GATT WP; PETRESCOU INSISTED UPON GOING OVER AGAIN ARGUMENTS HE HAD PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED WHICH, IN HIS VIEW, CONCLUSIVELY DEMONSTRATE THE DETERMINING ROLE OF THE ROMANIAN TARIFF. EC AND WE INSISTED OUR VIEWS WERE NOT IDEOLOGICAL BUT WERE BASED ON REVIEW OF  
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ROMANIAN ECONOMIC SYSTEM. WE GAVE EXAMPLE OF

CONSUMER GOODS (PARA 4.B REFTTEL A) AS CASE  
WHERE TARIFF LEVES APPEAR TO PLAY MINOR ROLE.

2. DURING FINAL 15 MINUTES OF 90 MINUTE DISCUSSION,  
WE RETURNED TO STARTING POINT OF ATTEMPTING TO  
FOCUS ON MARCH 11 MEETING. NO CLEAR CONCLUSION  
EMERGED OTHER THAN OBVIOUS FACT THAT THERE WAS  
BASIC DISAGREEMENT. THERE WAS SOME TALK OF POSSIBLE  
POSTPONEMENT UNTIL JULY, WITH OR WITHOUT MARCH 11  
SESSION. PETRESCU INDICATED THAT FORMULATION  
PROPOSED BY US AND ACCEPTED BY EC-NAMELY,  
THAT THE ROMANIAN TARIFF QTE HAS SOME BUT NOT  
DETERMINING EFFECT UNQTE WAS UNACCEPTABLE. HE  
MADE VAGUE THREATS OF RENOUNCING IMPORT COMMITMENT  
UNDER ANNEX B AND EVEN OF LEAVING GATT, BUT THESE  
WERE LEFT DANGLING AS WAS VIRTUALLY EVERY OTHER  
ISSUE DISCUSSED. PETRESCU SEVERAL TIMES RENEWED  
HIS REQUEST THAT EC AND US REPRESENTATIVES IN  
GENEVA VISIT ROMANIA TO SEE FOR THEMSELVES. EC  
FLATLY SAID NO. US QUESTIONED NEED FOR VISIT  
SINCE US EMB BUCHAREST ABLE TO OBSERVE AND REPORT  
BUT WE AGREED TO SEEK DEPT'S GUIDANCE.

3. COMMENT: IF MEETING IS HELD MAR 11 AS PLANNED,  
THERE IS LIKELY TO BE REPETITION OF ACrimonious  
EXCHANGE BETWEEN ROMANIANS AND EC. WE SHALL  
TRY TO SIT ON SIDELINES AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE BUT  
ON SUBSTANTIVE POINTS WE SHALL, OF COURSE, JOIN  
EC. ON LEAVING MEETING PETRESCU ASKED OUR  
REACTION TO THE POSSIBILITY OF POSTPOING THE WP  
MEETING. WE INDICATED NO OBJECTION, AND HE MAY  
DECIDE THAT THIS IS THE BEST COURSE. HE AGAIN  
ASKED THAT WE QUERY WASHINGTON ABOUT THE  
POSSIBILITY OF A VISIT TO BUCHAREST. REQUEST  
GUIDANCE, KEEPING IN MIND THAT EC STRONGLY OPPOSED  
SINCE FEAR VISITORS WOULD FIND IT DIFFICULT  
AFTERWARDS TO ASSERT THAT THEY HAD NOT BEEN  
CONVINCED BY GRACIOUS HOSTS. DALE

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